

EDITORIALS

Day of Thanks

This is the day set aside in the memory of all Americans who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country. The white crosses in cemeteries here and on foreign soil hold a particular significance on this of all days of the year. The graves they mark are hallowed ground, an everlasting reminder that the security we enjoy today was paid for in something more precious than billions.

It seems to be too much to ask of all American communities that they properly observe the holiday in the spirit of its original conception. The modern pattern of living, particularly in metropolitan areas, is not conducive to successful joint community action on an occasion offering somewhat less in entertainment than automobile races.

While there is no official observance of the day in Torrance we suspect that there will be a good many citizens who will meditate on the true meaning of this holiday and will be thankful in their hearts to the men and women we honor.

'Joe Sent Me'

Including lend-lease before World War II, the United States has given away more than \$108 billion in foreign aid in a 20-year period.

For every billion dollars taken in by the Federal government, Los Angeles County taxpayers are nicked for \$39 million, according to the California Taxpayers' Assn.

This means, by a little simple arithmetic, that this county's share of foreign-aid in 20 years has been more than the total assessed valuation of all property in the 698 square miles of the Los Angeles elementary school district. Because this district includes Huntington Park, San Fernando and other outside areas, it is 244 square miles larger than the entire City of the Angels.

Now they tell us from Washington, we can expect to go on with this year after year.

Back in the 1920's there was a night club operator named Texas Guinan. Her greeting to customers was a classic . . .

"Hello, sucker!"

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Young boy in our town had a habit of "borrowing" his friend's toys. His mom's daily duty was making sure that "something borrowed" was returned promptly to its rightful owner. One day, a house was being moved to make way for the freeway and it had been parked temporarily in the middle of the block.

The young lad discovered the house and immediately started to play around it. A neighbor dropped into his mother's house for coffee and remarked: "Well, I see your son has found a new plaything," with which the beset mother ran out the front door and without stopping to size up the situation shouted: "Donald! You take that right back where you found it this very minute!"

Letters from Readers Dept. — "Dear Mr. G: I have read many ads how cold tablets cure colds although I have never used them. Do you think they will help me?"

Answer: Personally, I always take two cold tablets in a fairly large tumbler of Scotch whiskey every hour on the hour and I always feel better instantly.

And now a word from my alternate sponsor: "You're fired!"

Just to prove that we moderns haven't lost our sense of humor, the last-place squad in a California track and field league will soon stage a big party, only they'll call it a "collaboration."

Allan Jones, the singer, is now appearing at the Statler Hotel with his son and daughter. If I'm not mistaken, Mrs. Jones is the former Irene Hervey, singer and actress, so wouldn't it be an excellent idea to star the quartet in a family situation TV series and title it: "Keeping up with the Joneses?"

If Charles Van Doren is supposed to be so smart, how come he got married.

Gene Sherman published this excellent dunning device for delinquent deadheads: "Your mother carried you nine months, but we've carried you 21 months. Please remit now."

James B. Garfield, author of "Follow My Leader," a novel about a blind boy, is 75 years old and has been blind for 15 years. Once an actor, Mr. Garfield calls his female seeing-eye dog: "My leading lady."

Newsmen who are invited to freeload at the best night-clubs in town are beginning to feel the bite of inflation. They buy their wife a corsage to augment her new dress and hairdo, hire a baby sitter, pay \$1 to park, and then tip the bejevers out of everyone all the way down the line. It's getting to be they just can't afford to be invited free anyplace.

THE MAIL BOX

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Show Sponsors Write

The members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club and the North Torrance Fuchsia Society wish to express their sincere appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended by your representatives; especially the photographers and Miss Edna Cloyd, in bringing the Torrance Hobby, Arts and Flower Show to the attention of the public. Our thanks also to the mer-

chants who advertised and displayed posters, to the entrants and all others who contributed in any way to the success of the show. The community interest shown in the annual affair was very gratifying to those who sponsored it. NANCY EISENBRANDT, Secretary.

Morley on Tour

Editor, Torrance Herald: By the time you read this, I will be well on my way to

Russia for a 5000-mile reporting tour . . . also to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rominia . . . then to the Middle East and Far East to return next fall direct from Formosa and Korea.

Because I appreciate your confidence and good will in running "After Hours," I will again make every effort to report the unadulterated truth as I see it in the column as I have tried to do in the past.

I hope that you will recognize in this costly and sometimes dangerous annual effort abroad my desire to secure the eye-witness truth for our readers in the Torrance HERALD.

JOHN MORLEY



June 6, 1944—Allied troops landed in Normandy to begin great invasion of Europe.
June 10, 1943—Withholding-at-source system of tax collection signed into law by President Roosevelt.
June 16, 1922—A helicopter flew, at College Park, Md., to height of 7 feet.
June 25, 1876—General George Custer and his cavalry troop wiped out by Sioux Indians in Montana.

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